

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending in the application. Claims 1-28 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a).

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a)**Rejection Under Sridhar, Thompson and Gonzales**

Claims 1-2, 5-11, 14-15 and 19-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over U. S. Patent Number 6,324,582 issued to Sridhar on November 27, 2001 and U. S. Patent Application Number 2002/0075304 issued to Thompson dated June 20, 2002, and further in view of U. S. Patent Number 6,901,139 issued to Gonzales on May 31, 2005.

Applicant has avoided this ground of rejection for the following reasons.

First, applicant's claim 1, as amended, now recites,

"one or more server components operable to communication with one or more router components, wherein the one or more server components employ one or more identifiers of one or more communication devices to make a determination of one or more internet protocol addresses of the one or more router components, and wherein the one or more identifiers comprise any one or more of:

a phone number for one or more users associated with the one or more communication devices;

an email address for the one or more users associated with the one or more communication devices;

an instant message name for the one or more users associated with the one or more communication devices; and

a user name for the one or more users associated with the one or more communication devices; and

wherein the one or more server components employ at least one of the one or more identifiers and one or more screening preferences to direct a voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) call as one of one or more messages or calls through the one or more router components to the one or more communication

devices, and wherein at least one of the one or more screening preferences is an alert preference which directs the communication devices to employ a different ring tone or message alert for the one or more messages or calls."

As stated in the Final Office Action, Sridhar and Thompson do not teach or suggest "wherein at least one of the one or more screening preferences is an alert preference which directs the communication devices to employ a different ring tone or message alert for the one or more messages or calls" elements, as recited in applicant's claim 1.

Also, as stated in the Final Office Action, Sridhar does not teach or suggest a phone number, email address, instant message or user name as an identifier. Thus, Sridhar is missing the "wherein the one or more server components employ at least one of the **one or more identifiers** and one or more screening preferences to direct a voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) call as one of one or more messages or calls through the one or more router components to the one or more communication devices" elements, as recited in applicant's claim 1. Applicants note that Sridhar does not teach or suggest the use of identifiers and screening preferences to direct a VOIP call either.

Gonzales discloses an AIN network in which telephone stations access service switching points (SSPs) that are connected to signal transfer points (STPs) which interconnect service control points (SCPs). However, Gonzales does not disclose server components, router components or the use of identifiers and screening preferences to direct a VOIP call. Thus, Gonzales, similar to Sridhar, is missing the "wherein the one or more server components employ at least one of the one or more identifiers and one or more screening preferences to direct a voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) call as one of one or more messages or calls through the one or more router components to the one or more communication devices" elements, as recited in applicant's claim 1.

Applicant acknowledges that Thompson discloses "Microsoft Corporation provides NetMeeting® which is adapted to enable collaboration between two or more people using text chat, streaming video, and or voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) conversation", as stated in paragraph 0010. However, Thompson does not disclose the

use of identifiers and screening preferences to direct a VOIP call. Thus, Thompson, similar to Sridhar and Gonzales, is missing the "wherein the one or more server components employ at least one of the one or more identifiers and one or more screening preferences to direct a voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) call as one of one or more messages or calls through the one or more router components to the one or more communication devices" elements, as recited in applicant's claim 1.

Therefore the proposed combination of Sridhar, Thompson and Gonzales does not teach or suggest all of the limitations in applicant's claim 1, and therefore claim 1 is allowable over the proposed combination. Since claims 2-14 and 22-28 depend from allowable claim 1, these claims are also allowable over the proposed combination.

Independent claims 15 and 21 each have a limitation similar to that of independent claim 1, which was shown is not taught by the proposed combination of Sridhar, Thompson and Gonzales. For example, claim 15 recites, "employing at least one of the one or more identifiers and one or more screening preferences to direct a voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) call as one of the one or more messages or calls through the one or more router components to the one or more communication devices" and claim 21 recites "means in the computer-readable medium for employing at least one of the one or more identifiers and one or more screening preferences to direct a voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) call as one of the one or more messages or calls through the one or more router components to the one or more communication devices". The proposed combination of Sridhar, Thompson and Gonzales does not teach or suggest this limitation for the above-mentioned reasons. Therefore, claims 15 and 21 are likewise allowable over the proposed combination. Since claims 16-20 depend from claim 15, these dependent claims are also allowable over the proposed combination.

Second, the proposed combination of Sridhar, Thompson and Gonzales does not teach or suggest the limitations of applicant's claim 23. This is because the proposed combination does not teach or suggest a "fixed wireless interface". The Final Office Action cites Thompson FIGs. 1-4 and paragraph 0078 as disclosing this element.

Again applicant disagrees. This is because the individuals using wireless phones in Thompson are mobile. See paragraphs 0078, 0106 and 0109. This means that the phones have roaming capabilities.

By contrast, fixed wireless, as used in applicant's claim 23, refers to wireless devices used to connect two fixed locations, e.g., homes, offices, etc., with a radio or other wireless link to the network. Also, fixed wireless does not allow roaming. Since the wireless devices disclosed by Thompson allow roaming, they cannot be considered "fixed wireless". Thus, Thompson is missing the "fixed wireless interface" element, as recited in applicant's claim 23.

Rejection Under Sridhar, Thompson, Gonzales, and Maes

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Sridhar, Thompson, Conrath, and Brooks as applied to claims 1-12 and 14-21, and further in view of U. S. Patent Number 6,801,604 issued to Maes on October 5, 2004.

Applicant respectfully traverses this ground of rejection.

As stated hereinabove, the proposed combination of Sridhar, Thompson and Gonzales does not teach or suggest "wherein the one or more server components employ at least one of the one or more identifiers and one or more screening preferences to direct a voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) call as one of one or more messages or calls through the one or more router components to the one or more communication devices" elements, as recited in applicant's claim 1. Applicant acknowledges that Maes discloses VOIP. However, Maes does not disclose the use of identifiers and screening preferences to direct a VOIP call. Thus, Maes, similar to Sridhar, Thompson and Gonzales, is missing the "wherein the one or more server components employ at least one of the one or more identifiers and one or more screening preferences to direct a voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) call as one of one or more messages or calls through the one or more router components to the one or more communication devices" elements, as recited in applicant's claim 1.

Rejections Under Sridhar, Thompson, Gonzales, Conrath, and Brooks

Claims 3-4 and 16-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Sridhar and Thompson, and further in view of U. S. Patent Number 7,103,770 issued to Conrath on September 5, 2006.

Claims 12 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Sridhar, Thompson, and Conrath as applied to claims 1-11, 14-17 and 19-21, and further in view of U. S. Patent Number 7,047,305 issued to Brooks on May 16, 2006.

Applicant respectfully traverses these grounds of rejection.

These rejections are based on the rejection under Sridhar, Thompson and Gonzales being proper. As that ground of rejection has been overcome, and none of the cited references teach or suggest "wherein the one or more server components employ at least one of the one or more identifiers and one or more screening preferences to direct a voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) call as one of one or more messages or calls through the one or more router components to the one or more communication devices", as recited in applicant's independent claim 1, and "employing at least one of the one or more identifiers and one or more screening preferences to direct a voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) call as one of the one or more messages or calls through the one or more router components to the one or more communication devices" as recited in applicant's independent claim 15, and "means in the computer-readable medium for employing at least one of the one or more identifiers and one or more screening preferences to direct a voice over Internet Protocol (VOIP) call as one of the one or more messages or calls through the one or more router components to the one or more communication devices" as recited in applicant's independent claim 21, the combination of Sridhar, Thompson, Gonzales, Conrath, and Brooks does not supply this missing element. Thus, these combinations do not make obvious any of applicant's claims, all of which require the aforesaid limitation.

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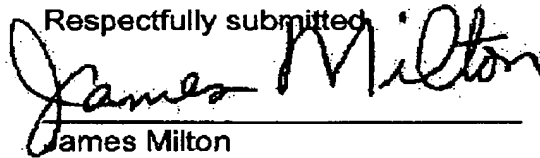
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Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the Office Action's rejections have been overcome and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, allowance of all claims pending is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call applicant's attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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